

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

February 9, 2007

1:30-2:30 pm

Advisory council members present: Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, Jerry Keck, Bill Dahlgren, Jacquie Helt, Annette Hoffman, Riley Johnson, Don Judge, Dan Lee, Jason Miller, Bob Worthington. Doug Buman, who was unable to attend, gave his proxy vote to Jason Miller.

Core team members present: Diana Ferriter, Keith Messmer, Chris Catlett, Judy Bovington, Anne Wolfinger

- I. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes
Today's meeting agenda and the minutes for the February 2nd conference call were unanimously approved by the council.
- II. Status of Department Bills
 - HB 65 and HB 72 – Scheduled for committee hearing in the Senate next week (the schedule hearing has since been cancelled and the bills have not been rescheduled).
 - SB108 – Transmitted to the House and awaiting hearing. Annette Hoffman moved, Jason Miller seconded that the Advisory Council endorse this bill. After discussion, Don Judge moved, Annette Hoffman seconded a substitute motion endorsing the bill “as adopted by the Senate.” For: Doug Buman (via Jason Miller), Jacquie Helt, Danny Lee, Jason Miller, Bill Dahlgren, Annette Hoffman, Riley Johnson, Bob Worthington, Lt. Governor Bohlinger. Against: none. Motion passed.
- III. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
 - SB 214 – Awaiting committee hearing in the House.
 - SB 426 – Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee and not yet scheduled.
 - SB 444 – Don Judge briefly explained the bill.
 - HB 508 and HB 553 – Awaiting executive committee action in the House.
- IV. Pending Bill Requests
LC 2344 – Jerry Keck discussed the bill request from Representative Scott Mendenhall. It is anticipated the bill will be introduced in the House next week.
- V. Agenda Items for Advisory Council Meeting in May
The next onsite meeting will be scheduled in May. Topics will include:
 - Summary of insurer financial results by Mari Kindberg of the State Auditor's Office
 - Summary of legislative action
- VI. Public Comment
The following individual addressed the Advisory Council: Jeannine Brown.
- VI. Next Steps
Next conference call: Friday, February 16, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

For the complete discussions, download or listen online to the meeting recording at <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/wcstudyproject/labormngmntadvisorycouncilmeetinginfo.asp>